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1. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON AUGUST 23 IN THE OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION COMMANDER JUJU GAVE A RUNDOWN ON THE MILITARY SITUATION. JUJU IS THE POLITICAL COMMISSAIR OF THE MPLA GENERAL STAFF. A FREE TRANSLATION OF HIS COMPLETE REMARKS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE DURING THIS PAST WEEK THERE OCCURRED A NUMBER OF POLITICO - MILITARY EVENTS THAT ARE WORTH ANALYZING AND TELLING TO THE MEDIA SO THAT THROUGH THEM THE MASSES WILL HAVE A BETTER IDEA OF WHAT IS REALLY HAPPENING IN OUR COUNTRY.

IN THIS RESPECT, WE ARE PLEASE ABOUT THE JUST AND COURAGEOUS POSITIONS TAKEN DURING THE WEEK BY THE MEDIA WORKERS. WHILE ON THE SUBJECT OF THE PRESS, WE CANNOT FAIL TO REFER TO THE CONTINUED DISTORTION OF EVENTS BY CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL PRESS AGENCIES, WHO PERSIST IN THEIR NEGATIVE AND DESTRUCTIVE WORK.

THEY SUBORDINATE OBJECTIVE REALITY, WHICH THEY HAVE THE OBLIGATION TO KNOW, TO THE INTERBEY OF POLITICAL SYSTEMS AND

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IDEOLOGICAL MACHINATIONS OPPOSED TO OUR PEOPLE. WITH THIS SHORT

PREAMBLE LET US GO DIRECTLY TO THE BUSSINESS AT HAND.

AN OVERALL REVIEW OF THE POLITICO-MILITARY PROBLEM THAT THE COUNTRY FACES SHOWS NO APPRECIABLE CHANGE IN THE POLITICAL OR MILITARY SITUATION. THE DECISION OF UNITA TO OPPOSE OUR FORCES, A DECISION CONVERTED INTO ACTION BY UNITA FORCES IN NOVA LISBOA, HAS LET TO BATTLES WITH UNITA IN LOCALITIES WHERE FNLA FORCES HAD EARLIER BEEN DESTROYED. EVER SINCE ITS FOUNDING MPLA HAS BEEN A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND UNCOMPROMISINGLY DEFENDS THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF NATIONAL UNITY AND INTEGRITY, AND IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS OBJECTIVE REJECTS ANY TERRITORIAL DIVISION IN AUTONOMOUS ZONES OR ZONES OF INFLUENCE. MPLA WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT AGAINST ALL NATIONAL OR FOREIGN FORCES THAT OPPOSE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THESE PRINCIPLES.

THE CURRENT STRUGGLE IN ANGOLA IS NOT, AS SOME NEWS AGENCIES CLAIM, A STRUGGLE FOR POWER. IT IS, RATHER, A STRUGGLE TO ACHIEVE THE CONDITIONS THAT WILL PERMIT THE WORKERS OF THIS WONDERFUL NATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS THAT WILL LEAD THEM TO THEIR OWN LIBERTY. THUS IT IS THAT IN THE CITIES AND OTHER AREAS LIBERATED BY THE MPLA OF THE RETROGRADE FORCES THAT INTEND TO MAINTAIN SLAVERY AND OPPRESSION, THERE HAS COME ABOUT, ALONG WITH TOTAL FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE AND GOODS, A GROWING AWARENESS OF THE NEED TO RETURN TO WORK AND STUDIES AND TO ORGANIZE. THESE ARE THE NECESSARY CONDITIONS TO MAKE A REALITY OF THAT INDEPENDENCE FOR WHICH WE FOUGHT. ALTHOUGH THE FAPLA GENERAL STAFF HAS BEEN GIVING DAILY RUNDOWNS ON THE POLITICO-MILITARY SITUATION, IT WILL DE USEFUL TO ONCE AGAINS REVIEW THE SITUATION IN THE DIFFERENT COMBAT ZONES.

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THE FNLA FORCES THAT HAD COME DOWN FROM THE BARRA DO BANDE AND GET CLOSE TO THE ROAD THAT LINS CAXITE WITH LUANDA, WERE ATTACKED BY OUR FORCES AND DRIVEN BACK TO THEIR INITIAL POSITIONS AT THE BARRA DO DANDE. FAPLA RECOVERED MISCELLANEOUS MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND TOOK SOME PRISONERS. AT A LATER DATE THE FAILA GENERAL STAFF WILL ARRANGE A PRESS CONFERENCE WITH THESE PRISONERS SO THAT CORRESPONDENTS CAN SEE FOR THEMSELVES THAT OUR COUNTRY UNCLASSIFIED

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IS BEING INVADED BY MERCENARIES OF VARIOUS NATIONALITIES, WHO MAKE UP THE UNCLEUS OF THE SO-CALLED ELNA. ACCORDING TO DECLARATIONS MADE BY THESE PRISONERS, THE SO-CALLED ELNA TANKS ARE NOTHING MORE THAN ARMORED VEHICLES OF THE ZAIRIAN ARMMY, COMMANDED AND CREAED BY OFFICIALS AND SOLDIERS OF MOBUTU'S ARMY. AMONG THE FORCES FACING FAPLA IN CAXITE AND BARRA DO DANDE, ACCORDING TO STATEMENTS MADE BY THE PRISONERS, ARE BELGIAN, TUNISIAN AND PORTUGUESE MERCENARIES. SOONER OR LATER WE WILL

PUNISH THESE MERCENARIES AND IF THEY HAVE THE FORTUNE TO BE
TAKEN PRISONER WE WILL PUBLICLY PRESENT THEM

FIRST POLITICO MILITARY REGION.

OUR FORCES OF THE FIRST REGION CONTINUE TO PUNISH THE INVADING
ELNA FORCES, BOTH IN THE AREA NORTH OF THE DANGE RIVER, WHERE
THEY HAVE HIT THE MERCENARY IN THE REAR, AND IN THE AREA OF
LUCALA-SAMBA CAJU. DURING THE FAPLA OFFENSIVE ON AUGUST 21
AGAINST THE ELNA FORCES THAT HAD OCCUPIED LUCALA, THE TOWN WAS
AGAIN RETAKEN BY FAPLA WHICH, AMONG OTHER ITEMS, DESTROYED A
SELF-PROPELLED GUN, AND CAPTURED ANOTHER ONE WITH THE MERCENARY
WHO WAS DRIVING IT. AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME THE MEDIA WILL HAVE
A CHANCE TO GET MORE INFORMATION ON THIS CASE. SECOND POLITICO-
MILITARY REGION:

THE SITUATION IN CABINDA IS UNCHANGED; CALM AND SECURE UNDER
THE CONTROL OF FAPLA.

EASTERN FRONT: THE PROVINCES OF MALANJE AND LUNDA ARE COMPLETELY
UNDER OUR CONTROL AND THERE HAVE BEEN NO CHANGES WORTH NOTING.
ON THIS FRONT WE WANT TO EMPHASIZE THE DEFINITIVE TAKING OF
LUSE AFTER A BATTLE WITH UNITA AND THE DEPARTURE OF UNITA FORCES
FROM THE CITY.

CENTRAL FRONT: DESPITE INSISTENT REPORTS BY FOREIGN PRESS
AGENCIES THAT LOBITO WAS UNDER THE CONTROL OF UNITA AND FNLA
AND DESPITE NEWS FROM HUAMBO RADIO TO THE SAME EFFECT, THE REALITY
IS THAT AFTER THREE SUCCESSIVE SURRENDERS, INTERSPERSED WITH
THE ARRIVAL OF REINFORCEMENTS, THESE FORCES HAVE BEEN TOTALLY
DESTROYED. THE CITY OF LOBITO IS RETURNING TO NORMAL, WITH FAPLA
AND MPLA ENGAGED IN THE AGREEABLE PHASE OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC
RECONSTRUCTION. IN OTHER AREAS OF THE PROVINCE OF BENGUELA
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WE NOTE CONFRONTATIONS IN GANDA, WHERE THE SITUATION IS STILL
NOT DEFINED. IN THE PROVINCE OF CUANZA SUL, A FAPLA OFFENSIVE
DURING THE WEEK DESTROYED UNITA AND FNLA FORCES IN THE TOWN OF
CALULO AND PURSUED THEM THROUGH LUSSUSSE TO THE OUTSKIRTS OF
QUIBALA. IN THE PROVINCE OF HUAMBO THE MASSACRES AND PERSEC-
UTIONS OF MPLA SYMPATHIZERS CONTINUED, AND THEIR SITUATION
IS QUITE SERIOUS. THE FURY THAT HAS FALLEN ON OUR COMRADES HAS
NOT SAVED EITHER CHILDREN OR WOMEN. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT
EVEN LUTUKUTA AND RALPH, THE FLOWER OF NATIONAL FOOTBALL, WERE
VICTIMS OF THE SLAUGHTER THAT REIGNS IN NOVA LISBOA.

SOUTHERN FRONT: THE PROVINCE OF HUILA, WHICH UNTIL NOW HAD
BEEN LIVING UNDER THE TENSION THAT IS CHARACTERISTIC OF THE
PHASE THROUGH WHICH WE ARE PASSING, ALSO ENTERED THE WAR WHEN
CONFLICT BROKE OUT IN LUBANGO (SA DA BANDEIRA) BETWEEN FAPLA

ON THE ONE SIDE AND ELNA AND FALA (UNITA ARMY) ON THE OTHER. THE SITUATION IS STILL NOT DEFINED. IN CUNENE PROVINCE, AS WE HAVE STATED ELSEWHERE, SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS AND MILITARY MATERIAL ARE ON THE BORDER AND ILLEGALLY IN ANGOLAN TERRITORY AT RUACANA AND CALUEQUE. FINALLY, IN THE PROVINCE OF MOCAMEDES, THERE WERE INCIDENTS IN THE TOWNS OF VIREI AND VILA ARRIAGA, IN WHICH FAPLA DESTROYED THE ENEMY FORCES. THE REST OF THE PROVINCE IS TENSE AND THERE HAVE BEEN SPORADIC ACTIONS IN MOCAMEDES AND PORTO ALEXANDRE WHICH HAVE TENDED TO AGGRAVATE THE SITUATION.

THERE YOU HAVE IT GENTLEMEN OF THE PRESS. WE HAVE DONE OUR DUTY BY BRINGING TO YOU THESE ELEMENTS WE JUDGED USEFUL SO THAT YOU CAN NOW DO YOUR DUTY. UNQUOTE
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